

# *Lower Valley Fire District*

*September 9, 2021*

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## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District was called to order by Cullen Purser after prior notice of the meeting was given. Roll was taken, and the following directors were present Larry Overbye, Cullen Purser and Mark Bonella. Also present were Chief Cavaliere, Michelle Williams, Melissa Schmalz, Matt Katzenberger, Tom Henderson, Cheyenne Conn-Pfertsh, Ben Gardener, Ben Linzey, Jesse Stocking, Tony Svaldi, Tom Creel, Lance Meyer, and citizen David Schmalz

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cullen Purser led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

N/A

## DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

N/A

## APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** was passed by 3 yes votes.

**Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Special Meeting. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** passed with 3 yes votes.

## APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to pay the bills in the amount of \$33,466.66, with the addition of \$6,422.50 to MDA and \$2196.00 to Bechtel & Santo for a total of \$42,085.16 . **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** was passed with 3 yes votes.

## APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Michelle Williams gave the financial report. **Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to accept the financial report of \$2,690,665.70. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** was passed by 3 yes votes.

## REPORTS & UPDATES

### Administrative

Michelle Williams gave the administrative report. The December 2021 board meeting needs to be rescheduled, this will be re-addressed in the November 2021 meeting.

Due to last years' circumstances (COVID); there was money left over from the 2020 Christmas Appreciation Dinner budget. Michelle Williams has asked the board if that money could be carried over to the 2021 Christmas Appreciation Dinner in the amount of \$1,599.36 for a new budget of \$6,599.36. **Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to approve new Christmas Appreciation Dinner budget of \$6,599.36. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** was passed with 3 yes votes.

Budget Review meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2021 at 3:00pm.

### Chief

Chief Cavaliere gave the board members clarification, from the attorney, pertaining to the social media policy.

Update was given regarding the new Gallagher Amendment that will be on the November 2021 ballot. Chief Cavaliere has been working with City Manager on this subject.

Chief Cavaliere and Mike Bennett (Fruita City Manager) will be meeting for a community hour at Aspen Street on Thursday September 16, 2021.

Chief Cavaliere will be meeting with Ken Watkins (GJFD Chief) to discuss possible new station locations.

Lower Valley Fire District has received a \$20,000.00 grant from the BLM for field mitigation on the Little Salt Wash.

### Officers

Captain Matt Katzenberger gave the officers report. Lower Valley Fire District is starting up another recruitment process for Reserves. Applications are due October 15, 2021 with Academy starting in January 2022.

### Lieutenant

No Update.

### Union #5265

Union Secretary Jesse Stocking gave the Union report.

The Union was looking for update regarding the Social Media policy.

Union Secretary Jesse Stocking presented the board with the results from a survey given to union members about how to address Juneteenth.

A request was made for a possible extension on the closing date for the District Board Seat #4. The Board of Directors decided to leave the deadline as is.

Citizen David Schmalz asked how to get information to the General Public with information on board elections, board meetings. Administrative Manager Michelle Williams stated that we have hired Melissa Schmalz and she is learning how to put this information on the Districts website. Any ideas are welcome. This will be addressed again in the January 2022 meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Juneteenth will be discussed again in the November 2021 meeting after a full board is installed.

The Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Protection District voted to appoint Jesse Mease to the open District 1 board member seat.

**NEW BUSINESS**


September 20, 2021 at 6:00pm will be the interview process for the open board member seat in District 4.

**Resolution 09/09-2021 Monthly Write/offs**

**Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to accept the resolution of monthly write/offs for August 2021 in the amount of \$98,376.42. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** was passed with 3 yes votes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** was made by Larry Overbye to adjourn the September 9, 2021 Board Meeting at 6:59pm. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** passed with 3 yes votes.

  
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